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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: LIVESTOCK SITUATION IN NIGER

DAKAR FOR SPENCER

1. IN INFORMAL MEETING WITH FRENCH TECHNICIANS AT ELC, DR. GARCIA, VETERINARIAN AND PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO ELC, BRIEFLY OUTLINED HIS OBSERVATIONS ON CATTLE SIAUTION IN NIGER AFTER 4-WEEK FIELD STUDY. GARCIA CONCLUDES SITUATION IS DISASTROUS AND AFTER VISITS TO PRINCIPAL PRODUCING AREAS ESTIMATES OVERALL LOSS AS 50PCT NATION-WIDE. MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS LACK OF YOUNG ANIMALS. ELC FURTHER EMPHASIZES YOUNG PRODUCING COWS ARE BEING SOLD CLANDESTINELY TO NIGERIA AT LOW PRICES WITH RESULT THAT RECONSTITUTION OF NIGER HERD WILL BE RENDERED INFINITELY MORE DIFFICULT. HERDERS AND SEDENTARY FARMERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED CROP FAILURE OBLIGED TO SELL ANIMALS TO PURCHASE MILLET WHICH, HE SAYS, IS UNBELIEVABLY SELLING AT SAME PRICE PER KILO AS BEEF IN CERTAIN AREAS. GARCIA'S CONCLUSION IS FIRST ORDER OF URGENCY

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IS THEREFORE PROVIDING FOOD TO HERDSMEN AND FARMERS AND

BUYING THEIR HEIFERS, TO PROVIDE CASH THEY NEED WHILE PRESERVING BREEDSTOCK. MORE OPTIMISTICALLY, GARCIA BELIEVES THAT, DESPITE POOR RAINS, FORAGE FOR CURRENT HERD APPEARS SUFFICIENT FOR THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF REDUCTION IN TOTAL HERD SIZE.

2. ELC NOW PREPARING DETAILED REPORT WHICH WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS. REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AID WHEN COMPLETED, AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT AID/W.BULLEN

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